

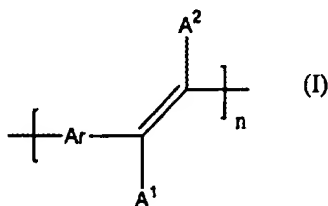
21. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein step b is carried out in the presence of a solvent.

22. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 21, wherein said solvent is toluene.

23. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the 0.85 to 1.6 equivalents of base per mole of monomer of the formula (II).

24. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the 0.95 to 1.05 equivalents of base per mole of monomer of the formula (II).

25. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of polymers of the formula (I)



in which Ar is Ar¹ or Ar² and

Ar¹ is an aromatic ring system having 4 to 20 carbon atoms, which is optionally monosubstituted or polysubstituted by C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₁-C₂₀-alkoxy, C₃-C₂₀-branched alkyl, phenyl or benzyl radicals and which further optionally contains up to 4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen in the aromatic ring system, is a radical of the formula